

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE FILING BY ATMOS ENERGY )  
CORPORATION TO EXTEND ITS )  
DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT ) CASE NO. 2002-00405  
PROGRAM AND COST RECOVERY )  
MECHANISM )

O R D E R

On October 31, 2002, Atmos Energy Corporation ( Atmos ) submitted, by tariff filing, an application to extend its Demand-Side Management ( DSM ) program for three years beyond the December 31, 2002 scheduled termination date and to update its Annual DSM Balance Adjustment ( BA ) and its DSM Cost Recovery-Current ( DCRC ). Atmos further requested that the Commission allow the current benefits and funding of the DSM program to continue until final action by the Commission, if the Commission is unable to grant approval by the tariff s proposed effective date of January 1, 2003. On November 27, 2002, the Commission suspended Atmos s tariff proposal for 5 months from January 1, 2003, up to and including May 31, 2003.

The Commission finds Atmos s request for continuation of the current benefits and funding until final Commission action a reasonable request and will allow the current DSM program to continue until such time as the Commission issues its final Order.

Atmos shall file with the Commission the original and 8 copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due on or before December 18, 2002. Each copy of the data requested should be placed in

a bound volume with each item tabbed. When a number of sheets are required for an item, each sheet should be appropriately indexed, for example, Item 1(a), Sheet 2 of 6. Include with each response the name of the person who will be responsible for responding to questions relating to the information provided. Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. Where information herein has been previously provided, in the format requested herein, reference may be made to the specific location of said information in responding to this information request.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Atmos's current DSM program, which had been scheduled to terminate on December 31, 2002, shall be continued beyond that date until the Commission concludes its review and issues a final Order containing its findings thereon.

2. Atmos shall respond to the interrogatories attached as Appendix A no later than December 18, 2002.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2002.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

## APPENDIX A

### APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2002-00405 DATED December 9, 2002

1. Refer to the Minutes from WKG Cares Demand Side Management Collaborative Board Meeting.

- a. Describe the types of weatherization funded by the program.
- b. Provide the annual savings experienced by customers who receive the benefits provided by this tariff.

2. Refer to the attachment labeled Atmos Energy Corporation DSM Balancing Adjustment.

a. Provide a detailed description of the costs included in the \$226,879.52.

b. Atmos's DSM tariff allows the inclusion of interest at a rate equal to the average 3-month Commercial Paper Rate for the immediately preceding 12-month period. Provide the dollar amount of interest included in the cost calculation and the average interest rate used.

c. Explain in detail why Atmos's costs for the 12-month period were more than \$26,000 in excess of the amount of funding provided by the tariff.